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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN, AF

SUBJECT: NAIM VISIT TO DELHI

REF: NEW DELHI 11318 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE SEPTEMBER 27, DEPFONMIN WAHID ABDULLAH WHO ACCOMPANIED NAIM TO NEW DELHI GENERALLY CONFIRMED VERSION OF VISIT GIVEN TO EMBASSY NEW DELHI AS SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL. ABDULLAH SAYS THAT INDIANS AND AFGHANS REACHED COMPLETE "IDENTITY OF VIEWS" ON REGIONAL SECURITY MATTERS, PARTICULARLY THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS OF FESTERING ISSUES BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN. HE INSISTED THAT INDIANS HAD NOT BEEN MEDDLING IN AFGHAN BORDER PROBLEM, THAT THEY DO NOT NOW WISH TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN PAKISTAN, AND THAT THEY ARE  
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OR SAY THEY ARE DETERMINED TO PROCEED IN DIRECTION OF NORMAL-

IZATION OF RELATIONS WITH BHUTTO.

2. ABDAULLAH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBLE INCREASE IN INDIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE WERE ON AGENDA ALTHOUGH NO FINAL DECISIONS WERE REACHED. HE SAID GOVERNMENT WAS CONSCIOUS OF NEED NOT TO BE COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT ON RUSSIANS FOR MILITARY TRAINING AND HOPES THAT INDIANS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. IN PASSING HE ALSO AFFIRMED DESIRE OF GOA TO CONTINUE US MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM AT ROUGHLY PRESENT LEVEL.

3. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT INDIANS HAD PROMISED SOME ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC AID TO AFGHANISTAN, ESPECIALLY PLANNING ADVISERS, A FIELD WHERE INDIAN EXPERIENCE VERY GREAT AND WHERE AFGHANISTAN BADLY IN NEED OF NEW START.

4. COMMENT: ADDITION OF INDIAN ADVISERS TO "PLANNING" BREW HERE LIKELY ONLY TO FURTHER CONFUSE ISSUE. OVER PAST TEN YEARS US, GERMAN, SOVIET AND FRENCH ADVISERS HAVE ALL BEEN IN ACT; IBRD AND UNDP ARE STILL LOOKING TOWARD PROVIDING FUTURE ASSISTANCE. PROBLEM HAS BEEN AND THUS FAR CONTINUES TO BE NOT LACK OF TECHNICAL ADVICE BUT LACK OF GOA DECISIONS TO TAKE IT, COMPLICATED BY IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH BY RUSSIANS AND WESTERN EXPERTS.  
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